

The termination or suspension of any order, or any provision thereof, shall not be considered an order under the meaning of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1931, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3865.)

§ 6111. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

(b) Administrative expenses

The funds so appropriated shall not be available for payment of the expenses or expenditures of the Council in administering any provision of an order issued under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1932, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3865.)

§ 6112. Regulations

The Secretary may issue such regulations as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1933, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3865.)

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§ 6201. Findings, purposes, and limitations

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) domestically produced limes are grown by many individual producers;

(2) virtually all domestically produced limes are grown in the States of Florida and California;

(3) limes move in interstate and foreign commerce, and limes that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce in limes;

(4) in recent years, large quantities of limes have been imported into the United States;

(5) the maintenance and expansion of existing domestic and foreign markets for limes and the development of additional and improved markets for limes are vital to the welfare of lime producers and other persons concerned with producing, marketing, or processing limes;

(6) a coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information regarding limes is necessary for the maintenance and development of such markets; and

(7) lime producers, lime producer-handlers, lime handlers, and lime importers are unable to implement and finance such a program without cooperative action.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to authorize the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through an adequate assessment) of an effective and coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information regarding limes designed—

(A) to strengthen the position of the lime industry in domestic and foreign markets, and

(B) to maintain, develop, and expand markets for limes; and

(2) to treat domestically produced and imported limes equitably.

(c) Limitations

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require quality standards for limes, control the production of limes, or otherwise limit the right of the individual producers to produce limes.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1952, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3870.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-194, §1, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2294, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 6202, 6204, and 6209 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the 'Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Improvement Act'."

SHORT TITLE

Section 1951 of Pub. L. 101-624 provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle D (§§ 1951-1963) of title XIX of Pub. L. 101-624, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990’.”

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE OF PUB. L. 103-194

Pub. L. 103-194, § 2, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2294, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

“(1) The Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.] was enacted on November 28, 1990, for the purpose of establishing an orderly procedure for the development and financing of an effective and coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information to strengthen the domestic and foreign markets for limes.

“(2) The lime research, promotion, and consumer information order required by such Act became effective on January 27, 1992.

“(3) Although the intent of such Act was to cover seedless limes, the definition of the term ‘lime’ in section 1953(6) of such Act [7 U.S.C. 6202(6)] applies to seeded limes. Therefore, the Act and the order need to be revised before a research, promotion, and consumer information program on seedless limes can go into effect.

“(4) Since the enactment of the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990, the United States production of fresh market limes has plummeted and the volume of imports has risen dramatically. The drop in United States production is primarily due to damage to lime orchards in the State of Florida by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. United States production is not expected to reach pre-Hurricane Andrew levels for possibly two to three years because a majority of the United States production of limes is in Florida.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act [see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note above] is—

“(1) to revise the definition of the term ‘lime’ in order to cover seedless and not seeded limes;

“(2) to increase the exemption level;

“(3) to delay the initial referendum date; and

“(4) to alter the composition of the Lime Board.”

§ 6202. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) Board

The term “Board” means the Lime Board provided for under section 6204(b) of this title.

(2) Consumer information

The term “consumer information” means any action taken to provide information to, and broaden the understanding of, the general public regarding the use, nutritional attributes, and care of limes.

(3) Handle

The term “handle” means to sell, purchase, or package limes.

(4) Handler

The term “handler” means any person in the business of handling limes.

(5) Importer

The term “importer” means any person who imports limes into the United States.

(6) Lime

The term “lime” means the fruit of a citrus latifolia tree for the fresh market.

(7) Marketing

The term “marketing” means the sale or other disposition of limes in commerce.

(8) Order

The term “order” means a lime research, promotion, and consumer information order issued by the Secretary under section 6203(a) of this title.

(9) Person

The term “person” means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other legal entity.

(10) Producer

The term “producer” means any person who produces limes in the United States for sale in commerce.

(11) Producer-handler

The term “producer-handler” means any person who is both a producer and handler of limes.

(12) Promotion

The term “promotion” means any action taken under this chapter (including paid advertising) to present a favorable image for limes to the general public with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating the sale of limes.

(13) Research

The term “research” means any type of research relating to the use and nutritional value of limes and designed to advance the image, desirability, marketability, or quality of limes.

(14) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(15) State and United States

The term—

(A) “State” means each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(B) “United States” means the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, § 1953, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3871; Pub. L. 103-194, § 3, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2295.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Par. (6). Pub. L. 103-194 substituted “citrus latifolia” for “citrus aurantifolia”.

§ 6203. Issuance of orders

(a) In general

Subject to this chapter, and to effectuate the declared purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall issue and, from time to time, amend lime research, promotion, and consumer information orders applicable to handlers, producers, producer-handlers, and importers of limes. Any such order shall be national in scope. Not more than one order shall be in effect under this chapter at any one time.

(b) Procedure

(1) Proposal for issuance of order

Any person that will be affected by this chapter may request the issuance of, and sub-